

**State Agencies' Action Plan Status Report
for Fiscal Year 2000**

Action ID	Action Item Title	Lead Agency	FTE	Biennial Total	Tasks Planned for Fiscal Year 2000	Status
FISH PASSAGE BARRIERS: PROVIDING ACCESS TO HABITAT						
Pas-1	Inventory and prioritize fish passage barriers and screening	WDFW, WSDOT	4	580,000	<p>Locate, assess, and prioritize fish passage barrier on WSDOT roads and locate, assess and prioritize barriers and screening problems on WDFW lands.</p> <p>Compile and improve statewide fish passage barriers database.</p>	<p>An accelerated re-inventory of WSDOT road crossings using updated protocol was initiated in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 26. Information from that inventory combined with former efforts indicates there are approximately 2,300 WSDOT-owned fish passage barriers to fix, of which about 400 are on the fish passage database. Inventory of fish passage barriers and inadequately screened irrigation diversions was completed on the WDFW Olympic Wildlife Area, Methow Wildlife Area, and Region 6 Access Areas. Efforts also started in the Cowlitz Wildlife Area. It is estimated that the total number of problems on all WDFW-owned lands will approach 1,000.</p> <p>WDFW fish passage database has been updated with new information from WDFW inventory crews and several 1998 Fish Passage Barrier Inventory grant recipients over the past year. The database currently contains 10,500 records -- approximately 2,000 are barriers to fix. The database user interface has been modified to reflect assessment protocol refinements, sea-run cutthroat have been added to the priority index model, and components were incorporated to address surface water diversions (screens). In addition, a distributable version of the database has been developed for use by independent barrier inventory groups.</p>

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Pas-2	Correct fish passage barriers	WDFW, WSDOT	21.55	7,919,400	Correct fish passage barriers on state lands and facilities.	For WSDOT facilities, fish passage corrections were made at Schoolyard Creek, Tibbetts Creek, X-tributary Pacific 21.0715, Birnie Highway 4, and First Creek using dedicated fish passage funds. For WDFW facilities, the lake outlet screen at Haven Lake was corrected and preparatory work is commencing for correcting passage problems at Canyon Creek Hatchery and Tokul Creek Hatchery. Budget packages have been prepared to address all WDFW problems in a 10-15 year time frame and will be submitted for consideration to the 2001 Legislature.
					Maintain corrected fish passage barriers.	Periodic inspection and maintenance were conducted on approximately 30 Mitchell Act fishways on the Columbia River system. Operation and maintenance of the Granite Falls and Sunset Falls fishways occurred during the summer and autumn months. About 350 other fishways were inspected and notice sent to owners if maintenance was required.
					Provide technical assistance on fish passage to local entities.	Technical assistance was provided on 199 fish passage projects, 66 of which were involved with grant programs. Assistance in scoring the early 1999 and early 2000 grant applications also occurred.
Pas-3	Correct fish screening problems	WDFW	8.8	3,418,000	Design, fabricate, and install screens on irrigation diversion.	Screening efforts concentrated in the Methow River drainage. Projects were completed or are underway at Larson Ditch, Wolf Creek, Buttermilk, Eight Mile, Twisp Power, Fulton, Skyline, and about 50% of the diversions in Beaver Creek.
					Maintain screens at irrigation diversions.	Periodic inspection and maintenance were conducted on approximately 10 Mitchell Act screens on the Columbia River system. Numerous small service contracts were struck and fulfilled for maintenance of privately owned screens.
					Provide technical assistance on screening to local entities.	Technical assistance was provided on 20 fish screening projects.

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Pas-4	Provide technical and financial assistance for fish passage and screening	WDFW, WSDOT	8.75	2,080,000	<p>Provide technical assistance to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants recipients involved with fish passage barrier inventories, barrier corrections, and with screening irrigation diversions.</p> <p>Provide technical and financial assistance (up to \$1 million) to help cities inventory and correct transportation related fish passage barriers.</p>	<p>The second edition of the WDFW Fish Passage Barrier and Surface Water Diversion Inventory Manual was completed. Technical assistance continued for the nine 1998 fish passage inventory grant recipients (WSDOT and WDFW program). Inventory assistance was provided to the Yakama Tribe, Quileute Tribe, Squaxin Island Tribe, Colville Tribe, DNR, Thurston County Conservation District, and Pacific County Conservation District.</p> <p>A request for proposal was sent to cities to address projects with fish passage and stormwater problems. Two proposals were awarded and an additional funding cycle is being planned to distribute up to \$2 million for this work.</p>
Subtotal			43.1	13,997,400		